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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

TAYLOR, Matthew T. Sr.

Serial No.: 10/773,719

Group Art Unit: 3738

Filed: 02/06/2004

Examiner: SWEET, Thomas

For: PROSTHETIC INTERIOR CASTING PROCESS AND PRODUCT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 17, 2006. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner allegedly

- I) Claims 1-17 and 20, drawn to a process of shaping, classified in class 264, subclass 222.
- II) Claims 18-19, drawn to a prosthetic, classified in class 623, subclass 33.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-17 and 20, with traverse. Applicant submits that the identified groups are sufficiently related in nature such that a search of one group would necessarily cover the subject matter of the non-elected groups. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 18 and 19 are a prosthetic device that is created by the process steps set forth in Claims 1- 17 and 20. As such, it is respectfully submitted that a search of the process would necessarily encompass the prosthetic that is created by the process. It is understood that Group II will be withdrawn from prosecution if the Examiner continues this Restriction Requirement. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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